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SUBJECT: CALLAGHAN ANNOUNCES MEETING IN GENEVA TO

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

1. THERE FOLLOWS FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT TO COMMONS
AFTERNOON JULY 22 BY FONSEC CALLAGHAN IN WHICH HE
ANNOUNCED GREEK AND TURKISH AGREEMENT TO MEET WITH UK
IN GENEVA FOR TALKS BEGINNING JULY 23 OR 24:

2. BEGIN QUOTE. I WILL WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MR.
SPEAKER, AND THAT OF THE HOUSE MAKE A FURTHER STATEMENT
ABOUT CYPRUS.

3. MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE WILL HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING WITH
GREAT ANXIETY THE VERY SERIOUS SITUATION IN THE EASTERN
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MEDITERRANEAN FOLLOWING THE DECISION OF THE TURKISH

GOVERNMENT TO LAND FORCES ON CYPRUS IN THE EARLY HOURS OF SATURDAY 20 JULY. FIGHTING HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS SINCE THEN INCLUDING FIGHTING BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES AND THE HOUSE WILL HAVE HEARD WITH GREAT RELIEF THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY HAVE AGREED THAT A CEASE-FIRE SHOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM 3 O'CLOCK TODAY (LONDON TIME). IN VIEW OF THE ASSURANCES THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN I TRUST THAT THE FIGHTING WITHIN CYPRUS WILL NOW DIE DOWN AND THAT THE SUFFERING OF THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE WILL BE ENDED.

4. DURING THE WEEKEND AND IN A PERIOD OF INTENSE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY OUR MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO ACHIEVE A CEASE-FIRE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT, TO PREVENT THE FIGHTING FROM SPREADING OR ESCALATING AND MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES OF BRITISH DEPENDENTS OF OUR TROOPS, BRITISH RESIDENTS AND BRITISH TOURISTS. DR. KISSINGER AND I HELD CONTINUOUS DISCUSSIONS THROUGHOUT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SEPARATELY WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF GREECE. I REMAINED IN TOUCH WITH M. SAUVAGNARGUES, THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE NINE, WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO WHO SUPPORTED OUR EFFORTS.

5. IT IS NOW VERY IMPORTANT TO LOOK TO THE FUTURE. UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NUMBER 353 WHICH WAS PASSED ON SATURDAY A CALL WAS MADE FOR A CEASE-FIRE AND FOR MAXIMUM RESTRAINT. IF THINGS GO WELL THAT PROVISION IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF COMING INTO EFFECT. UNDER PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE SAME RESOLUTION THERE WAS A CALL FOR TALKS BETWEEN THE THREE GUARANTOR POWERS AND WE MUST GET ON WITH THEM URGENTLY. I HAVE THIS MORNING INVITED THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY TO MEET WITH ME URGENTLY. THIS MORNING THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF GREECE INFORMED ME OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND TALKS IN GENEVA, AND SHORTLY BEFORE I CAME TO THE HOUSE, THE PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY SPOKE TO ME AND INDICATED HIS AGREEMENT TO GENEVA AS THE MEETING PLACE. I TRUST THAT THESE TALKS WILL BEGIN EITHER TOMORROW

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OR ON WEDNESDAY.

6. THE SAFETY OF BRITISH CITIZENS IN CYPRUS HAS BEEN GIVEN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY BY HMG SINCE THE CRISIS BEGAN. MY HONORABLE FRIEND THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE HAS BEEN PUT IN DIRECT AND PERSONAL CHARGE OF THEIR WELFARE. MY HONORABLE FRIEND THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR AIR HAS BEEN IN

THE SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS SINCE SATURDAY. A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE BRITISH CITIZENS TOGETHER WITH A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS ARE NOW CONCENTRATED IN THE SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS. THOSE BRITISH CITIZENS STILL SCATTERED ABOUT THE ISLAND, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE NEAR KYRENIA, SHOULD NOW GAIN RESPITE IF THE CEASE-FIRE HOLDS. WE ARE HOWEVER CONTINUING TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR PROTECTION AND REMOVAL IF THEY SO WISH. I AM SURE THE HOUSE WOULD LIKE TO PAY

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HIGH TRIBUTE TO THE EXCELLENT WORK OF THE BRITISH FORCES IN CYPRUS, THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION AND THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES AND TO THE GOOD COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM. AMONG MANY OUTSTANDING OPERATIONS YESTERDAY'S CONVOY FROM DHEKELIA TO NICOSIA AND BACK WAS A REMARK-

ABLE ACHIEVEMENT. THE GOOD SENSE AND THE GOOD SPIRITS OF THE BRITISH DEPENDENTS THEMSELVES, THE BRITISH RESIDENTS AND THE BRITISH TOURISTS HAVE HELPED GREATLY THE EFFORTS TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY. THE HOUSE WILL HAVE HEARD WITH SORROW THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF THE SON OF A BRITISH SERVICEMAN IN CYPRUS AND THE ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF ONE OF THE BRITISH SOLDIERS SERVING WITH THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES. WE SEND OUT OUR SYMPATHY TO THEIR FAMILIES AND INDEED TO THE FAMILIES OF ALL THOSE IN CYPRUS, GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT ALIKE WHO HAVE SUFFERED DEATH, INJURY OR LOSS IN THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE LAST THREE DAYS.

7. MR. SPEAKER, A GREAT DEAL HAS TO BE DONE TO ENSURE THE RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL RULE IN CYPRUS WHICH WAS DESTROYED LAST MONDAY AND TO DEVISE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL PRODUCE THE NECESSARY CONFIDENCE AMONG ALL CONCERNED THAT THIS WILL BE MAINTAINED IN FUTURE. WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION TO THAT END. I ASSURE THE HOUSE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK STRENUOUSLY AND URGENTLY IN EVERY WAY TO ACHIEVE IT. END QUOTE

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